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CURRENT TOPICS.

Piles have been successfully driven by dynamite at Perth.
The Tallahassee plum trees are creaking with ripening fruit.
Wheat is at a higher price in London than ever before.
A call has been made for the reunion of the original California diars.
The Bay State Agricultural Society has decided to hold no county fairs this year.

Italy has the largest gun in the world. It is forty-six feet long and weighs 118 tons.
As many as a hundred quakings of the earth a day have been registered in New Zealand.

DAVID HORTON, of bitter fame, is worth \$100,000. Twenty-five years ago he was a peder.
A MITCHELL is being tried in the Austrian army, which will fire a thousand bullets in ninety seconds.

A NEW YORK man advertises to restore old paintings. A witty exchange wonders how many he has stolen.

WEDDING cake was imported from London for a marriage which took place in New York a few days ago.

The output of the locomotive works of the country now averages from thirty-six to forty engines per week.

MRS. MACKAY, wife of the Nevada mining millionaire, will soon leave Paris to make her home in San Francisco.

A "PUBERLE drink" is being advertised in London. A "puberle" had been previously made its appearance.

The Grant monument committee now think \$300,000 sufficient for the proposed memorial to the dead chief.

It is estimated that 2,000 men on the New York police force weigh 40,000 pounds or an average of 200 pounds a man.

A RUSSIAN engineer has discovered a process of crystallizing petroleum so it may be transported more easily.

Four hundred young men of Louisville have formed an organization for business purposes and to "boom" the city.

THERE are 15,430 papers in the United States and Territories, including Canada, an increase of 181 during last year.

WESLEY WOLFE, the elocutionist, is said to have memorized more than three hundred thousand verses of poetry.

At the mouth of a Cornish mine there is this advice: "Do not fall down this shaft, as there are men at work at the bottom of it."

Dr. Vox KLING, a Dayton (O.) linguist, will undertake the work of translating the medical and sanitary features of the Talmud.

The Queen of Sweden has undergone an operation at Stockholm for cancer, but the hopes of her ultimate recovery are very doubtful.

LONDON newspapers are making preparations and employing correspondents in anticipation of war on the continent in the near future.

At Bergen, Norway, is a church constructed entirely of paper-mache. It is octagonal in shape and will accommodate 1,000 persons.

Among the millionaire girls in Washington society are the Misses Riggs, who succeed, with their brothers, to their father's bank business.

JAT GOULD's new private car, now under construction, will cost \$20,000. It will be 70 feet long, have five apartments and be called the Atlanta.

BILLY EMERSON, the minstrel, who writes his first name with a little b, receives \$500 a week and travels in a private car with a wife and wherever he goes.

Mrs. TWISS often astonishes the good people of Hartford by laughing outright in church when the pious pastor says things the humorist does not believe.

The crater Kiluea of the volcano Mauna Loa, is three miles long, two miles wide and in places 500 feet deep. The boiling lava can be seen in many places.

The pay roll of the Queen of England's household shows an official rat-catcher at Windsor, at a salary of \$80 per annum, and another for Buckingham Palace at \$60.

The Jacksonville Southern Leader, a paper published by colored men, says that the 150,000 colored citizens of Florida own property to the value of about \$2,000,000.

The latest estimate places Belgium at the head of the beer drinking countries of Europe. The consumption per capita is six-tenths in excess of that of Germany.

UNCLE BILLY DAVIS, an old negro, living at Mayfield, Ky., thinks he is a centenarian, but this did not prevent him from marrying a girl of twenty-two the other day.

JOHN DUSTAN used the slang expression, "It's a cold day for them," in an essay against the Roman Catholic clergy, which makes the phrase about two hundred and twenty years old.

The express robber has no longer the monopoly of crime on the iron highways. Freight train robbers are coming to the front, the last discovered crew being on the Ft. Wayne road.

The most uncommon names in English are those which begin with X. There are none in the New York directory. Philadelphia, however, presents the names of Xaviers, Xander and Xandry.

A bird's nest found on the roof near the United States mint in Washington, was beautifully lined with gold. The parent bird had carried off gold dust in its feathers and shaken them out in its tiny home.

MARION BRAUER, of Reading, Pa., stands six feet eight inches high. He has been appointed to the position of chief of police. He is a unique character in that place—the tallest policeman in America.

RUSSEL COX, of Holderness, N. H., who is ninety years of age, is suffering from a severe attack of whooping cough. His mother, who died recently, had the whooping cough when she was one hundred and one years of age.

The United States soldier, when equipped with rifle and cartridge-belt, three days' cooked rations and 100 rounds of ball cartridges and "kit" of clothing, carries a weight of over fifty-five pounds.

There is a proposition before the Illinois Legislature to have the school books printed by the convicts of the State prison.

ANTHONY HARRIS, son of the late President of Guatemala, is a student of West Point, and young Zarala, son of the man who overthrew and caused the death of President Harris, is also at West Point, and is his classmate.

In a letter from a German physician, who is a resident of Brazil, it is stated that permaugate of potash is as infallible an antidote for snake bites in that country as in this, and that every farmer keeps some of it in his dwelling.

FIVE MEN SUFFOCATED.

Another Mine Horror in the Pennsylvania Coal Region.

A Pillar Collapses Cutting Off the Mined from the Ventilated Part of the Works.

ASHLAND, Pa., April 27.—The mining patch on the outskirts of town were thrilled with excitement this afternoon when it was reported that four men were killed in the tunnel colliery. People left their homes at once, and men, women and children hurried to the mouth of the shaft. There they were told that a pillar of wood in the mine had collapsed, cutting off five men at least from the ventilated part of the mine, and they might be suffocated to death. Brave men went to the relief of the imprisoned miners to dig them out from the scene of heart-rending tragedy. When the pillar fell all avenue of escape was cut off. While the men were busy at work digging for the unfortunates their relatives in tears about the mine were mourning their fate. Finally word was received above that the unfortunates had been reached. The weeping people became silent in their eagerness to know the worst. The announcement that the men had been suffocated to death was received with loud lamentations. Then one by one the bodies were hoisted to the surface in the cage. As the begrimed bodies were lowered by the stricken wives and little ones the scene was heart-rending in the extreme. The victims are: Harry Gill, fire boss, aged thirty-five, married, leaves wife and four children; Michael Bohanna, aged twenty-six, wife and two small children; Harry Marson, aged thirty-five, just married a month; Daniel Finn, aged thirty-five, leaves a wife and eight daughters, the eldest fifteen years; Ebenezer Francis, aged about thirty, a foreigner, only in this country about six months, and had taken another man's place as substitute for today. The colliery was operated by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company.

THE RESERVOIR WAR.

Two Young Farmers With Old Guns Want to Clean Out the Military—The Situation.

CINCINNATI, O., April 27.—This morning two young farmers started out from Antwerp with old guns on their backs and with the avowed object of cleaning out the military, but were heard from, and there is not the slightest danger that there will be any violent collision between the military and the inhabitants. No more damage to the reservoir has been attempted, and all is quiet. The reservoir is believed by most residents to be a nuisance. The farmers along the border of the reservoir and the canal have been under water and their lands made worthless for years, and they are ready to do most anything to relieve the condition of affairs. They have applied time and again to the State authorities to have the duty in repairing the canal, but without effect. The new appropriation in the last Legislature made the failure all the more exasperating, and the farmers whose lands are damaged have taken the law into their own hands. The two thousand acres which the reservoir covers are of private lands west of the reservoir. If it had been kept in repair and fresh water in it no one would have objected to its existence. In any faith that it will be done, and the people don't want the canal under any circumstances.

Call Causes the Death of Two Men.

MONTICELLO, Ill., April 27.—J. H. Burns, a wealthy and highly respected farmer, was engaged in painting the shingles on his barn, which three men were nailing down. All four were standing on a bracket scaffold, twenty feet from the ground. A calf running at large with a rope around its neck managed to wrap the rope several times around one of the posts used to support the scaffolding at an angle of fifty degrees. One of the workmen noticed the fact, and was about to descend the ladder and liberate the calf, when the animal made a sudden spring, jerked the support from under one end of the scaffold, precipitated the four men to the ground. Mr. Burns fell with the back of his head on a foundation stone, crushing his skull and died instantly. Robert Newton was so badly injured that there is no hope of his recovery. The other men were not seriously hurt.

A River on a Rampage.

JARPER, Ind., April 27.—The Patoka river yesterday to an alarming extent. The mills, factories, lumberyards and many dwellings have water in them from two to three feet deep. The country between Jasper and Huntington resembles a vast inland sea, a strip of territory from three to five miles wide and twenty miles long being covered with water.

Indians With the Measles.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The Marine Hospital Bureau is informed that the Indians in the vicinity of Yuma, A. T., are suffering from a severe epidemic of measles, which had proved fatal in sixty cases up to the 16th inst.

Two Girls Thrown Under a Train.

HOCKTOWN, Mich., April 27.—Last evening Mary Hoar and Maud McDonald were thrown under an ore train on the Hecla and Torch Lake railroad, a coupling pin breaking. Miss Hoar had her head cut from her body, and Miss McDonald's legs were crushed so badly that amputation was necessary. Both victims lived at Lake Linden.

Three Killed by a Whirlwind.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., April 27.—Yesterday a whirlwind at Paducah uprooted several houses and the railroad station, and killed two women and a man. Strange to say it formed in the market place.

Lost Mexican Mines Rediscovered.

ST. LOUIS, April 27.—A special dispatch from the City of Mexico triumphantly announces the discovery of two of the seven lost Mexican bonanza mines by an American party of prospectors. Humboldt and Hamilton speak of the fabulous wealth obtained from these mines by Spaniards. Advice from Nogales confirm the report, and state that a great placer field has been located where the jewels of two hundred years ago found fortunes for the church. Great excitement in the mining centers prevails.

CURIOUS AND INTERESTING.

Statistics Showing the Enormous Circulation of Grant's Memoirs.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 28.—During the exercises in memory of General Grant last evening the following statistics in regard to the manufacture of the personal memoirs of General Grant were read. In binding the cloth books there was 43,552 square yards of cloth used, or if put in one piece it would make a strip one yard wide and twenty-five and one-fifth miles long. The gold used in stamping, lettering, etc., on all styles of binding, if coined, would make \$15,440.47. The price paid the gold-beaters for this gold was \$21,620.50. There was 276 barrels of binder paste used, weighing about 60,000 pounds. There was 27,882 sheepskins used, 7,221 goatskins and 128 catkins. As none of these skins were split, it represents, of course, the killing of an equal number of animals. There were about 302,310 reams of paper used in the printing, which weighed about 1,813,880 pounds or 906 1/2 tons. This put into one piece would make a strip two feet wide and 1,082 1/2 miles long. If the books were piled up in one row, narrowest way, that is, the same as they would stand in a book case, it would take a shelf nineteen and a half miles long to hold them. If the pages of the books were joined together it would make a strip of paper six inches wide and 6,229 1/2 miles long. Forty-one steam presses were working day and night, over 1,000 operatives were employed, and over 9,000 agents engaged in distributing the book. To these latter—were mainly old soldiers and the widows of soldiers—was paid in commissions for the selling the sum of \$1,000,000 in cash.

ALL IN.

Hold Knob Indictments Number 250, Naming Eighty Persons.

ST. LOUIS, April 28.—The grand jury that has for two weeks been investigating the night raids of the Hold Knobbers, completed their work yesterday, and handed fifteen more bills to Judge Hubbard, and were then discharged. The total number of indictments found by the jury is about 250, but not more than eighty persons are named in the charges. Some individuals are indicted in four and five cases. The members of the jury all think that the Hold Knobbers are now under civil jurisdiction and that no more black "raids" will be bought in Christian County for the purpose of making mauls. Every body seems to think that the reign of terror is over in this county. A prominent merchant of Sparta informed a citizen of Oark, today, that forty or fifty persons within his knowledge had occurred, and since the grand jury began its investigation.

Strong Case Against Fred. Stoll.

CLEVELAND, O., April 28.—This morning Fred. Stoll, the young baker, was charged with the murder of Maggie McCarthy. A slightly built young man in his shirt sleeves and wearing a cap was led from a cell. The prisoner's face was badly disfigured and his trousers were bloody. Cat hairs were on his clothing. Tuesday night, while working on the case, detectives found cat hair scattered in the yard where the murder had occurred, and a road-side there said a cat fight had taken place just previous to the murder.

Awful Loss of Life.

LONDON, April 28.—A dispatch from Perth, the capital of Western Australia, says: A hurricane came from the northeast coast on the 23d inst. The pearl fishing fleet, forty boats, was destroyed and 500 persons perished. A dispatch from Cooktown, Australia, announces that the steamer Benton, of Singapore, was sunk in a collision with a bark off the island of Formosa, and that 150 persons were drowned. No Europeans were lost.

Thirteen More Indictments.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 28.—Thirteen more indictments against men for committing fraud in the sale of the northeast corner of the grand jury to the U. S. Court this afternoon, but up to a late hour to-night the names of the indicted parties could not be ascertained. Arrests will probably be made to-morrow.

The Bridge Jumper Sentenced.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Emanuel De Freitas, the seventeen-year-old lad who successfully jumped from the Brooklyn bridge yesterday, was arraigned in court today and sentenced to prison for three months in default of \$300 bail.

Train Robbers At Work.

FEOS, ARIZ., April 28.—Train robbers stopped the west-bound express on the Southern Pacific eighteen miles east of here. They went through the express and mail cars, getting only about \$3,000. The passengers were not molested.

Damaged by a Gale.

CINCINNATI, April 28.—A gale this evening unroofed a part of Longview Asylum, and blew down a brick wall of a house in course of construction on Mount street, seriously injuring an old man, who was buried under the falling bricks.

Michigan Majority Against Prohibition.

LANSING, Mich., April 28.—Owing to an error in footings, the vote sent yesterday was incorrect. The majority against prohibition was 5,335, instead of over 7,000, as sent last night.

With the Usual Result.

WHITE WRIGHT, Tex., April 28.—Three children were burned to death in a farm house twelve miles east of here late yesterday afternoon. Their mother locked them up in the house to make a call at a neighbors, and in her absence the house was burned down. The name of the unfortunate family is Welch. They came to Texas from Southern Illinois.

Attempted Lynching.

LOUISVILLE, April 28.—A mob gathered in front of the Louisville jail, threatening to lynch the assassins of Jennie Bowman. They were dispersed by the police.

Demolished by Wind.

CINCINNATI, April 28.—The stables of the Union division of the Cincinnati Street Railway Company were blown down to ruins. Two employees were buried in the ruins. One was fatally injured.

Fatal Powder Explosion.

WABASH, Ind., April 28.—This afternoon Pat McCoy, a laborer in the branches of the Wabash Company, was fatally injured by the discharge of a heavy blast of Hercules powder.

MADNESS AND DEATH.

Deplorable Result of a Husband's Jealousy.

His Wife Loses Her Reason and Suddenly Dies, and the Husband Becomes a Hysterical Maniac.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 28.—Mrs. William Mantle, and estimable lady of this city, died last night under circumstances which have excited the deepest commiseration in her behalf. Yesterday morning she was found by her husband, who was in the city against her husband. A few days ago the husband filed suit for divorce, alleging that Mrs. Mantle had held illicit relations with a well-known business man, and later with a demand against him for \$10,000 damages, in applying for which she had expressly stipulated that whatever benefit might accrue in judgment against the defendant, it should be applied solely to the woman whom he had cast aside. Since the first suit was filed Mrs. Mantle has been greatly excited, and it was evident that she was rapidly losing her mind. Yesterday morning she was found in the wood shed, where she had slept all night, and when she was taken into the house it was plain that her mind was gone. Last night some friends were sitting up with her when she suddenly fell from her chair and expired, having been stricken with paralysis as a result of her intense mental excitement. Mantle learned of his wife's death this morning and became frantic from grief. Seizing a gun he started out to kill the man whom he charged with all his trouble, but was captured and a guard placed over him at his home. During the day he became violently insane, and could be kept quiet only by the use of opiates. When not under their influence he is unmanageable, several men being required to hold him in bed. He firmly believes that the man was guilty of the acts charged, but it is generally thought that there was no foundation for his jealousy. A post-mortem was held on the remains of Mrs. Mantle today, upon the demand of the neighbors, but nothing was found to justify the suspicion of foul play upon the part of her husband. Her death was immediately caused by the bursting of a blood-vessel at the base of the brain, and this, was, no doubt, caused by intense mental excitement.

Only Sleeping.

DECATUR, Ind., April 28.—A six-year-old daughter of Clinton Fisher, living in the city, died yesterday of a cerebral meningitis, the past week. Yesterday afternoon the little sufferer closed her eyes and ceased breathing apparently to the friends and neighbors who were present. The child was laid out and dressed for burial. In about half an hour the child was taken, and posed dead sleep, and commenced crying for water. The child is still alive this morning, with a bright prospect of recovery.

Novel Method of Getting a Library.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The sixtieth anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was celebrated in this city by a grand performance at the Metropolitan opera house. The interesting feature of the performance was the mode of obtaining admission. No money was taken, but any person presenting to the Library Committee a book or complete work of any well known author was given tickets of admission. The Odd Fellows are about to establish a library. Thirty thousand books were thus collected.

Minister Elopes With His Sister-in-Law.

DE MOINES, Ia., April 28.—Last Saturday Rev. T. H. Dabney, of the little town of Floris, left home, telling his wife that he was going to Dunville to baptize some converts, taking a change of clothing for that purpose. It has since transpired that he had, with Anna Lang, the seventeen-year-old sister of his wife, fled to Chicago, where he is now residing. His wife had known of improper intimacy and accused him of it, and he promised to do better in the future. Nothing has been heard of the runaway.

A Recluse Fouly Death With.

PORT WASHINGTON, Wis., April 28.—Chas. Pillegrage, a farmer of Gratiot, who had three miles from here, was found murdered in his house yesterday. His skull was crushed in by blows dealt with a blunt instrument. The house was completely upset and every thing ransacked. The murderer is still at large and was supposed to have money.

Coughed Up His Tin Whistle.

OWENSBORO, Ky., April 29.—The operation performed on Hampden Piqua last Monday for the extraction of a tin whistle from his chest, was a successful one. The incision in the boy's wind-pipe had been kept distended during the week, and in a fit of coughing this afternoon the whistle was ejected through the orifice. The boy will now recover.

No Clew to the Cleveland Murder.

CLEVELAND, O., April 30.—Fred Stoll, the young man arrested a few days ago for the murder of Maggie McCarthy last Saturday night, has been discharged from custody. He proved his innocence and was dismissed to day to his great joy. No clew to the real criminal has yet been discovered.

Electric Lights in U. S. Buildings.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The Treasury Department is gradually introducing the electric light into the public buildings under its control. When the post-office in New York City was lit with gas the annual cost was \$90,000. To light it with electricity costs now but \$45,000, an annual saving of \$45,000.

A New Car Stove.

PITTSBURGH, April 29.—The Pennsylvania railroad officers have experimented successfully with a new stove, which, when overturned, automatically empties a reservoir of water on the fire.

Disaster to Italy's Arms.

CARNO, April 29.—Dispatches from Massowah state that the Italian troops which are advancing upon Keren were recently confronted by a force of Abyssinians, with whom they became engaged in battle. The fight is said to have been desperate and protracted, but of doubtful result.

Crisis in Milan's Cabinet.

BERGAMO, April 29.—There is a crisis in the Servian Cabinet. The Ministers being divided over the question of Servian foreign policy. M. Garachanin, the Premier, has resigned and King Milan has accepted the resignation.

POLICE AND TRAMPS.

A Pitched Battle Between Them in East St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—For some time past the city of East St. Louis has been infested with a lot of tramps and idle, worthless fellows, who spent most of their time peddling small articles which the police were satisfied were stolen. The tramps had a camp in the eastern outskirts of the city, and to-day, Chief of Police Walsh ordered it to be broken up and the tramps driven out of the city. Lieutenant Erylan with fifteen officers, went to the camp this forenoon and ordered the tramps to disperse and leave the city. They paid no attention to the orders and the police advanced to arrest them, firing two or three shots in the air to intimidate them. To the great surprise of the police the tramps returned the fire, but luckily without effect. The police then charged the camp in force, firing as they advanced and the tramps fled in all directions, some of them plunging into a slough near by and swimming for their lives. All of them got outside of the city and joined another camp, where the consolidated forces, defied the police. The latter, having no authority outside the city, made no further efforts to arrest the fugitives but left a strong guard on the spot to prevent them from re-entering the city. On Sunday night the police found one of the tramps groaning on the ground with a pistol ball in his spine. He was taken to the County Hospital, and will probably die. The sheriff of the county has been notified of the congregation of armed tramps in his territory, but it is not known what action he will take.

Riot at Belfast.

BELFAST, May 1.—A mob attacked the police in the Falls Road District to-night with paving-stones and other missiles. The police, fearing that they would be overpowered by superior numbers, fired upon the rioters, but failed to disperse them. The mob continued its attack, and was rapidly getting the better of the officers, when reinforcements arrived, enabling the police to drive back and scatter their assailants. Several constables were badly hurt. It is not believed that any of the attacking party were seriously injured.

An Anti-Tobacco Professor.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—Dr. J. Wilham White, senior professor physical science at University of Pennsylvania, has issued an order forbidding the students the use of tobacco in any shape or form. Dr. White was seen by a reporter to-night. He says that he is opposed to cigarette-smoking, cigars or tobacco, and that the students must desist from its use; that it does them no good; that he is backed by the faculty, and they are determined to put a stop to its use.

Heavy Hail-Storm.

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 1.—After a day of summer heat, this section was visited at 7 o'clock this evening by a terrific hail-storm, which did much damage. The hail stones ranged in size from a pea to a full-grown goose egg, some of the largest weighing four ounces and measuring nine inches in circumference. Glass was broken wherever exposed, that in the tower of the State Capitol being rattled. A number of school children, chimney, etc., were wrecked by the wind.

Mormon Emigrants.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 1.—Three hundred Norwegian emigrants passed through this city last night for Salt Lake City, where they go to join the Mormons. The ones in the West. They came by way of Norfolk, and are the most respectable emigrants that have arrived in this city for many a day. They are accompanied by several Mormon elders who have been in Norway on a proselyting tour.

Asleep on the Track.

OWENSBORO, Ky., May 1.—A circus train ran over a young negro from Indianapolis, named William Henry Lee this morning, crushing his right arm off at the shoulder and otherwise injuring him. Lee had been working several days and night almost entirely without sleep, and had fallen on the track asleep a few moments before the accident. He will probably die.

Four Children Drowned.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 1.—Jay and Leo Moore, aged fourteen and twelve years, and Ida and Berrie Moore, aged twelve and eight, sons of well-to-do farmers of South Valley, Cattaraugus County, yesterday went fishing along the Allegheny river. When about a rod from shore the current capized the boat and all four were drowned.

Earthquake in Washington Territory.

SPokane Falls, W. T., May 1.—Two sharp shocks of earthquake were felt here at four o'clock this morning, the vibration being from north to south. Many citizens were awakened. There was only a moment's interruption between shocks.

Schooner Believed to Be Lost.

AMHERSTBURGH, ONT., May 1.—The schooner Louis O'Neill, Coos' Landing, which left Buffalo Wednesday, with a crew of eight men, is believed to have sunk in Lake Erie, off Port Stanley, in the furious gale of Thursday night, with the eight men.

Three Persons Drowned.

NORWICH, CT., May 1.—At Putnam, on Saturday, a rowboat containing Mrs. Henry Leary, aged thirty years; Peter Bruno, aged twelve years, and Sarah McEvoy, aged thirteen years, was carried over a waterfall. The dead bodies of the woman and girl have been recovered. There is no trace of the boy's body.

Lynched for Stealing.

PROCTOR, W. VA., May 1.—The bodies of three negroes, brothers, named Sylvester, were found hanging to a tree near here. Each bore a placard stating that they had been lynched for stealing.

An Ordinance was Recently Passed by the San Jose, Cal., Council.

—An ordinance was recently passed by the San Jose, Cal., council declaring Chinatown a nuisance, and directing the city attorney to take steps, "legal or otherwise," to have it removed and abated.

"Mamma" said a Little Boy.

—"Mamma," said a little boy, "is that woman across the way very green?" "No, my child, why do you ask such a question?" "Because I heard you say she was a grass widow."

X. Y. Ledger.

PROGRESS AT WALTHAM.

The American Watch Company seem determined to maintain the proud position they have long occupied among manufacturers of pocket timepieces.

During an interview the other day with a representative of Robbins & Appleton, he said: "We have a number of novelties that ought to be worthy of your attention, and in fact of the trade in general. During the year 1886, we have had a steadily-increasing demand for our better class of goods. This is owing to the very great improvements which have therein been accomplished. For instance, all the watches fitted with our patent Breguet hair-spring have met with special favor, because of the great amount of extra quality which this hair-spring imparts to the goods. The company seem to have pursued the policy of not increasing the quantity of their lowest-priced goods, but rather of putting the better and medium grades at figures which bring them within the reach of a very limited purse, and enable capital to lay in an assorted stock of good-quality goods of great popularity. The Bartlett watch may be taken as an example. Here is a movement equipped with all that can possibly be put into a watch to make it a thorough time-keeper, and its price is fabulously low. An English watchmaker recently took one of these Bartlett movements of the new model, examined it carefully, and quietly put it together with the remark: 'This movement is worth \$9.' Yet it is sold for nearly as many dollars."

"We have turned out some very fine work in the way of beautifying the appearance of the watch, both in nickel frosting and raying, which never had been done before. These processes permit an almost endless variety of designs and patterns which adapt themselves beautifully to the shape of the watch-plate."

"The chief novelty with which the company start out this year is their one-size watch—the smallest and thinnest, as well as the finest, ladies' watch ever made in this country. The diameter of its dial is just the size of a half-dollar piece. The train is made of gold; the jewel-settings likewise; and the jewels themselves are faultless rubies of the darkest color. The watch is thoroughly adjusted, and capable of the very finest time-keeping. Its price is very moderate—indeed, considering the extra fine quality and superior finish, it is wonderfully low."

"Another novelty is the 'Waltham Minute Register Chronograph.' This watch is so constructed as to show by means of a diminutive dial-bit and special hand the minutes during which the long fifth-second hand revolves." Here my informant exhibited the operation of the chronograph. The long fifth-second hand and the small special hand are normally stationary at 12, zero. By pressing the stem, both hands are started, the small hand recording successive minutes up to fifteen. At any moment both hands may be stopped, and another motion sends them back to zero. "This device is especially useful to sportsmen, scientists, physicians, engineers, mariners, etc. The same attachment is applied to the Waltham split-second chronograph, making it the most durable watch of the kind, inasmuch as the mechanism is very simple and almost indestructible. The Waltham chronograph is made in the first place to be an accurate time-keeper, but in the model of the company's finest 14-size watch. On top of this movement, and without complicating it, the chronograph attachment is fastened, thus clearly exposing to view the entire chronograph apparatus. The plainest country watchmaker can take the attachment apart and set it together again without trouble. A